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Casi (OAS)Venezuelan Charges of Aggression Upheld

Cuba Is Found Guilty

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5 NATIONS

NEW YORK, Feb. 13 (UPI)—Inter-American investigators have found communist Cuba guilty of four counts of aggression against Venezuela, UPI learned today from diplomatic sources.

The Venezuelan charges against Cuba, filed Dec. 3, 1963, with the Organization of American States and substantiated by a five-nation investigating team, include:

- Subversive propaganda sent to Venezuela from Cuba.
- The training of Venezuelan guerrillas and terrorists by Cuba.
- Cuban financing of insurrectionary acts in Venezuela.
- Cuban dispatch of arms and instructions to the Venezuelan underground for subversion and terrorism.

LENGTHY REPORT

The report of the investigators runs about 30 pages and included several hundred pages of annexes and documents. The final draft is being prepared in Washington and should be distributed before the end of the month.

After member nations have had a chance to study and digest the investigative commission's report, the OAS Council may meet to act directly on it or summon a conference of hemisphere foreign ministers.

The OAS then could apply one or more of the following sanctions against the Castro regime:

Withdrawal of ambassadors; rupture of diplomatic relations; rupture of consular relations; partial or total interruption of economic relations or rail, sea, air, postal, telegraphic or telephonic communications—or the use of armed force.

The five-nation committee which investigated the Venezuelan charges against Cuba comprised Argentina, Colombia, Costa Rica, the U. S. and Uruguay.

It spent a week in Venezuela (Dec. 8-15) in an on-the-spot investigation of the Venezuelan charges. On its return to Washington, a 10-page cable was sent Cuba at Brazilian insistence advising Cuba of the nature of the Venezuelan charges and inviting a written reply to them although Cuba was expelled from the OAS a year ago.

The Cuban reply was a torrent of vilification including Castro classification of the OAS as a "ministry of colonies" for the U. S. The rejection by Cuba of the OAS invitation left the way open for publication and distribution of the investigators' report.

EVIDENCE

The evidence against Cuba submitted by Venezuela and on which the investigators based their findings on the four counts included, among other things:

Subversive Propaganda. 100 hours of magnetic tape of Castro and other anti-Venezuelan

communist broadcasts from Cuba.

Cuban Training of Venezuelan terrorists. Documents showing more than 60 key members of the Venezuelan Communist Party and its card-carrying affiliate, the Revolutionary Movement of the Left, as having received subversive training in Cuba since 1960.

Cuban Financing Of Insurrectionary Acts In Venezuela. A search of the luggage of Deputy Gustavo Machados over his protest at Maiquetia Airport in the spring of 1963 on his return from Cuba and Moscow turned up what is described as a huge amount of dollars in a false bottom in a piece of luggage.

Machados is currently secretary general of the Venezuelan Communist Party.

Cuban Dispatch Of Arms And Instructions For Subversion And Terrorism. On Nov. 4, 1963, Venezuelan police raided the home of Luis Eduardo Sanchez Madro, Communist Party member known to have traveled to Cuba in 1962 and presumed to have been trained there. They found a large number of documents showing well drawn plans to seize the city of Caracas. Arms specified for use in the planned communist takeover of Caracas included Mortars, Bazookas and Recoilless rifles not previously used by Venezuelan terrorists. (UPI)